Docket No. IENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER M4065.0404/P404 Art Unit Application No. Filing Date Examiner December 7, 2000 C. E. Lee 2112 09/730,780-Conf. #9134 Applicant(s): A. K. Porterfield Invention: ARBITRATION METHOD FOR A SOURCE STROBED BUS TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims Highest Remaining Number Number Previously **Extra Claims** After **Amendment** Present Rate Paid 0. **Total Claims** 55 60 Х Independent 5 5 = 0. Х Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: 0.00 x Large Entity Small Entity x No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. x The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 04-1073 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. x Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: June 30, 2005 Thomas J. D'Amico Attorney Reg. No.: 28,371 DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO MORIN & OSHINSKY LLP 2101 L Street NW Washington, DC 20037-1526 (202) 828-2232



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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2005 (Paper No. 20050223), finally rejecting claims 1-38 and 40-56 and the advisory action dated June 20, 2005 (Paper No. 20050616), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.